

SENATE BILL 580

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, Part 12, relative to high school  
curriculum.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1205, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

49-6-1205.

(a) The general assembly finds that a primary purpose of the public school curriculum is to prepare thoughtful, active citizens who understand the importance of patriotism and can function productively in a free enterprise society with the appreciation for the basic democratic values of our state, nation and the free enterprise system.

(b) A treatise on the free enterprise system, approved or adopted by the state board of education, is required to be taught in the high schools of this state.

(c)

(1) It is the duty of the state board of education and all local boards of education to cause the free enterprise system to be taught in each public high school in this state.

(2) The state board of education shall determine the nature and extent of the instruction to be given and the credits to be given for the course; provided, that the course need not extend for more than one (1) year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 12, is amended by adding the following, to be designated as § 49-6-1209:

49-6-1209.

(a) A treatise on the history of the state of Tennessee, approved or adopted by the state board of education, is required to be taught in the high schools of this state.

(b)

(1) It is the duty of the state board of education and all local boards of education to cause Tennessee history to be taught in each public high school in this state.

(2) The state board of education shall determine the nature and extent of the instruction to be given and the credits to be given for the course; provided, that the course need not extend for more than one (1) year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.